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SCOUTING'S OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE
CAPE EASTERN AREA

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CONGRATULATIONS

SPRINGBOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following scouts who have achieved their Springbok Awards:

Darryl Garner	1st Cotswold
Ian Blake	1st Walmer
Matthew Dickason	1st Walmer
Jacques de Vroom	1st Uitenhage (SOE)

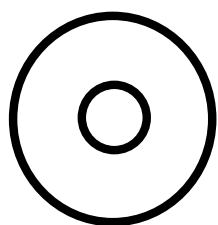
INVITATION FROM THE GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION CAPE EASTERN REGION

The Girl Guides Association celebrates its 90th Anniversary this year and for this occasion, a special weekend in Port Alfred has been planned for 2nd - 3rd September 2000.

The celebrations will start with an Anniversary Tea on Saturday 2nd September at 3:30 pm. The venue is the Girl Guide Hall, Civic Centre, Port Alfred. Cost is R12.00 p.p.

The Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday 2nd September at 7:30 pm. The venue is the Victoria Protea Hotel, Albany Road, Port Alfred. Cost is R60.00p.p. For both these functions the dress requirement is uniform and regalia or smart.

Members of the Scout Association who would like to attend are asked to contact Goodie Buttner (046) 624 1668 or Pam Hopper (046) 624 1619. For catering purposes, please reply by 24th July 2000.



GONE HOME

Condolences to Mrs Jenny Watson, Chief Girl Guide Commissioner, and her family on the passing on of her mother, Mrs Joy Blunt, at Stella Londt Residence on 4th July 2000.

Condolences to Hilda de Vroom and her family on the passing on of her mother, Mrs Ferina Vorster, on 15th July 2000.

Condolences to Mr Bob Keef and his family on the passing of his wife Pauline in Cape Town. Pauline was a long time Pack Scouter at 1st Newton Park Group - Cape Midlands Area Cub Commissioner and Adult Leader Trainer before going to the Cape on transfer with her family. She continued her activities in Cape Western Area right up until her death, after a long illness bravely borne.



THINK AHEAD - 6TH GILCOAST PLTU

COURSE:	6TH GILCOAST PLTU
DATES:	3RD to 13TH January 2001
VENUE:	Gilwood, East London
COST:	R545.00 (R100.00 deposit with entry form)

Entry forms in August from male scouts only. Male staff applications may now be submitted.

STAFF DATES: 31 Dec 2000 to 14 Jan 2001

STAFF COST: R300
(R100 deposit with application)

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

04 - 06 August	Scout Warrant Course
25 - 27 August	Scout Warrant Course
02 September	Gilwell Reunion - Port Elizabeth
09 September	PE Cub First Aid Competition
22 - 24 September	Senior Scout Challenge
30 September	Award applications close at SAHQ
15 October	HV Marsh Award entries close
21 - 22 October	JOTA/JOTI
28 October	Skillkana - Uitenhage
08 - 19 December	National Senior Scout
Adventure	Cedarberg 2000

2001

03 - 13 January	6th Gilcoast PLTU
December	6th SANJAMB

Although a PLTU Course is a highly specialised course designed to train senior Scouts to run an effective Patrol, it is also a course in personal development. In our day and age it is imperative that young people are given the skills to cope with life's many new adventures. Unfortunately the Course is only designed for MALE members of our Association at this point in time.

AAC/SP Bruce Maree

YOUNG SCIENTISTS

Well done to Craig Hewetson, Troop Leader of 1st Uitenhage (SOE), who was invited to Stellenbosch University this past school holiday as a member of the Young Scientists Group following his achievement of being placed in the top 20 in the 1999 National Science Olympiad. Craig is a Grade 12 pupil at the Daniel Pienaar Technical High School in Uitenhage.

HAPPENINGS IN THE EASTERN REGION

A Diary of events submitted by ADC/ALT Patience Vili

18th - 19th March. An Introduction to Adult Leadership Course was held, attended by four participants, namely: Troop Scouter Mbolombo of Engcobo-Zwelinzima Troop Troop Scouter Sizaji of Ngqeleni-Umzomtsha Troop Troop Scouter Momoza of Ngqeleni-Umzomtsha Troop Pack Scouter Bongo of Ngqeleni-Sizane Pack.

30th March - 1st April. A Scout Camp was run at the Kulanathi Educational Centre in Maclear, attended by 15 boys and 3 adults, members of the Ngqeleni Scout Group.

On **7th April** an investiture ceremony was held at the Umthawelanga Troop, Maclear, at which 20 scouts were invested. Mrs Linda Funani is Troop Scouter of this Group.

12th April. The Jamangile Junior Secondary School was paid a visit. A Troop comprised of 15 recruits and 5 scouts, under the leadership of an older scout, is running at the school.

26th - 28th May. A Scout group is running at the Jongimizi Senior Primary School, Umtata, and this school was the venue for the Patrol Leaders Training Course held on 26th, 27th and 28th May. Also in Umtata, an established Pack continues to run successfully at Efata School, under the leadership of Pack Scouter Nosipho Mdikane.

July. After the start of the 3rd school term in July, (date not yet fixed) an investiture ceremony will be held at the newly opened Scout Troop in Umzomtshu.

PATROL LEADER TRAINING COURSE - UMTATA

Submitted by "Skutha" Mndai ADC Scout Programme

A Patrol Leader Training Course was held at Jongimizi Primary School in Umtata from 26th to 28th May, 2000.

The Course Director was Miss R.N. Mndai, "Skutha", assisted by Matthews Reve, "Elephant", Mr Mandla Zozi from Gwadana Troop, Idutywa, and Mrs Linda Funani from Mthawelanga troop, Tsolo. Mrs Bilitane and Miss Maqungo of the Jongimizi Guides, Umtata, together with Miss Ngxisho and Miss Bomvu from the community, provided the catering.

Eleven Scouts from the Jongimizi and Mthawelanga Troops attended the course. Unfortunately, some troops could not attend due to financial problems.

This Patrol Leader Training Course was good for a start. The programme seemed to be encouraging to both Scouters and Patrol Leaders. After the campfire on Saturday night a sermon was held in memory of Mr Stephen Mohapi (Rhino), Scout leader and trainer.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF IMIGUDU SCOUT GROUP

The Imigudu Scout Group was officially opened at a ceremony held at the Imigudu School, Dimbaza, on 13th April 2000. 18 cubs and 16 scouts were invested on this occasion. The guest speaker was Mr D V Mapisa, retired Sport Organiser, Scout Organiser and Trainer.



L - R Miss Letitia Tshetu, Mr Ngxe - Chairperson of the School Governing Body, MR DV MAPISA



Mr William Stama (Giraffe) congratulates the invested Scouts. Looking on: Miss L Tshetu (partially obscured) and Ps Miss Monica Ntshingwa



L - R Mrs N Vellem, Mrs Ntuthu Sinandile, Ms MN Ntshingwa of Imigudu School, Miss Letitia Tshetu, Mrs C Mbambo - Guide Commissioner of King Williamstown, Ms Lerato Mkize - Girl Guide Development Officer, and Mr William Stama. In the background are parents who attended the ceremony Umthawelanga Troop News

The Umthawelanga Troop from Maclear, district of Tsolo, enjoyed a hike in the Pretjiesberg Mountain outside of Ugie. Educator and hike leader, Mrs Moore, accompanied them and their Scouter, Mrs Linda Funani.



Umthawelanga Troop members enjoy a rest stop on their hike in the Pretjiesberg



The Troop has been working on pioneering gadgets. Photographed with their work are scouter Linda Funani and some of the scouts

APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF SCOUT'S COMMISSIONER

The Chief Scout is pleased to announce that at a meeting of the National Executive Committee on 23rd May, Mr John Deane of Pietermaritzburg was unanimously elected as Chief Scout's Commissioner.

Mr Deane was a Cub and a Scout and attended the 7th World Jamboree at Bad Ischl, Austria. He served as Assistant Scoutmaster and later Troop Scouter at 3rd Pietermaritzburg Group. He holds the Wood Badge.

Mr Deane took early retirement from the position of Chief Director of Education in KwaZulu Natal in 1993.

BON VOYAGE

Cape Eastern is represented at the Netherlands Jamboree! Scout Leader Larry Adams and eight scouts, six from 1st West End and two from 1st Beacon Bay are attending the Jamboree that opened on 24th July. We will hear all their news after their return on 3rd August.

Allen Brown and David Luyt flew out from East London on the evening of 11th July and the 1st West End group departed from Port Elizabeth early on 12th July. The South African contingent met up in Benoni for a shake down camp of 2 days before flying out from Johannesburg.



Scout Leader Danny Barth bids farewell to 1st West End at the Port Elizabeth Airport.

L-R Andre Human, Clayton Langson, Clayton Fick, Sheldon Richards, Ruwayne Pieterse, Brent Bailey, Troop Scouter Larry Adams, Group Scouter Danny Barth.

CAPE EASTERN SENIOR SCOUT CHALLENGE

The Senior Scout Challenge will be held from 22 - 24 September, the weekend after it appears in the diary.

Interested Scouters are needed to join the team putting this challenge together. The team already has Wayne Roberts, Glen Purdon, Dave Higgs, Mark Akers and Kathy Douglas on board.

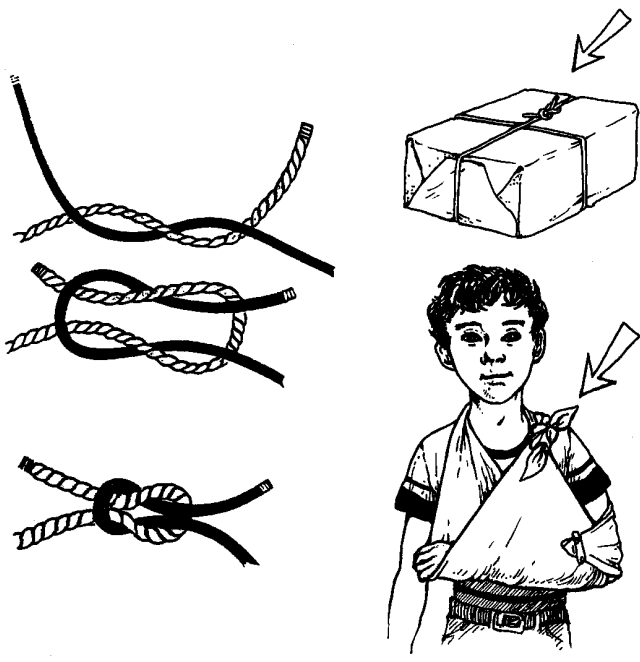
If you are interested in helping to get this exciting adventure organised, please contact:

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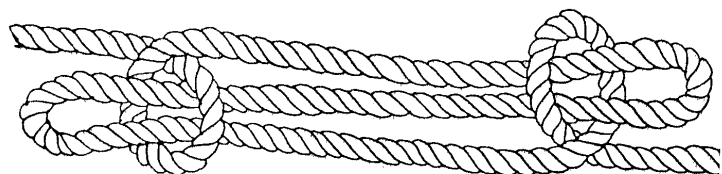
WHY DO KNOTS AND ROPE TAKE SUCH A LARGE PART IN MODERN DAY SCOUTING?

It has been said, many times, that a piece of rope is adventure to a boy. There are many "new fangled" devices for fastenings and scaffolding for building structures but can scouting meet the cost of these? Or would a boy get the "kick" out of climbing up a pile of scaffolding? Teach him the skills of knotting and pioneering and he can experience the satisfaction of "doing it himself", to his own design, and achieve success with cheaper and easily obtained materials. Once he has discovered that he can achieve results, he will tackle bigger and more difficult tasks in the future, even into his adult life.

THE SIX BASIC SCOUT KNOTS AND HITCHES

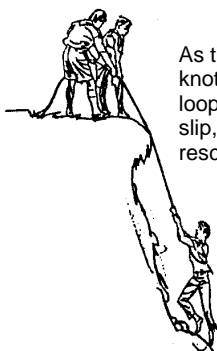
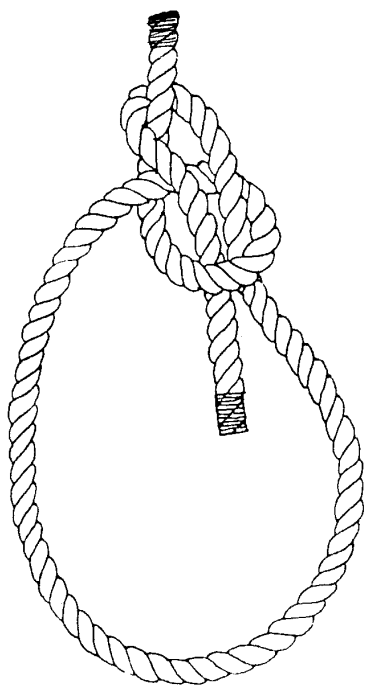


THE REEF KNOT A flat and easily untied knot. How to tie it: Say to yourself, "Right over left and under. Left over right and under." Then take a piece of rope or thick string and practise.



SHEEPSHANK

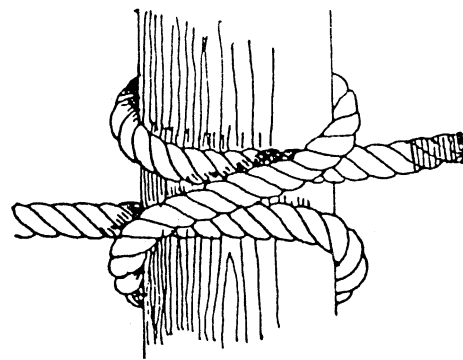
Not really a knot. Tied in the bight of a rope for shortening a rope or taking up the slack or to pass the strain over a weakened or frayed part of the rope.



As the bowline is a knot that makes a loop that does not slip, it is used for rescues and lifelines

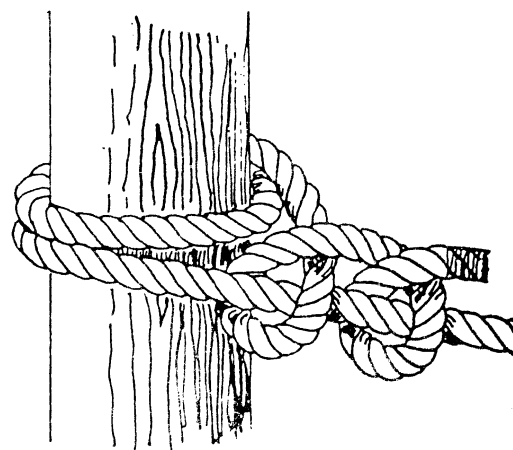
BOWLINE

This is the king of knots. The most useful and one of the simplest ways of putting a fixed loop into a rope. The basic purpose is to put a nonslip knot into a rope, and thus form an eye or loop or bight. It is easy to tie and untie and it never slips or jams. The bowline has a large number of variations but the one shown is the basic jack-of-all-trades



CLOVE HITCH

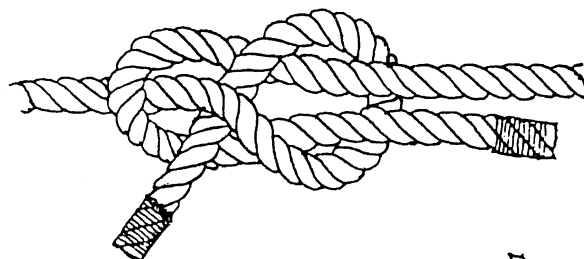
The clove hitch is easy to tie in a number of different ways and is also easy to untie. It is possibly the nearest there is to a general utility hitch. Care must be taken not to use it when a rolling hitch would serve better. It is used to start and end lashings.



ROUND TURN-AND-TWO HALF HITCHES

This is a very secure hitch in almost all circumstances. It is a good haulage hitch, or for securing guy lines. Also useful for tying up a boat or an animal to a pole as it can stand a lot of strain.

Make sure you can tie the Clove Hitch and Round Turn-and-Two Half Hitches quickly and securely as you will need these to start and finish lashings, which form a large part of Scout Pioneering Projects.



SHEETBEND

This knot, like most bends, is used for tying two ropes together. Note that to be correct the two ends should be on the same side of the knot. If the two ropes differ in thickness a double sheetbend should be used. All this is to take an extra turn around the thicker rope before finishing



SCOUT WEEK 26TH JUNE - 2ND JULY

"Panther" Wayne Roberts had planned a big Scouting display at Greenacres Shopping Mall, Port Elizabeth, but sadly this was not to be. Only three Scout Groups responded to Wayne's request to participate. Possibly the fact that Scout Week fell in the winter school holiday affected the response from the groups.



1ST ALGOA SEA SCOUT TROOP

Back L-R Scouter Kathy Douglas, Erika Demeyer, Peter Demeyer,
Phillip Lower, ATS Mark Akers
Front L-R Johan Demeyer, Arlette Redgard, Sarah Lower

Algoa Sea Scouts went ahead with their own display at the Bridge Mall and featured photos from their albums, snippets from their Algoa Anchor News, plus information on the Cub and Scout pathways. TS Stefaan Demeyer is already reaping the rewards for his effort judging by the enquiries from prospective recruits.

In Port Alfred, Akela Dot Fetherstonhaugh had Scout Week well in hand. Dot set up a display and got publicity in the local newspaper. Her opening paragraph in the "Talk of the



PORT ALFRED DISPLAY

Town" says it all: "Scout Week, what is it? It is a week when Scout Groups all over the country celebrate Scouting in their area." The closing statement is: "At the moment approximately 25 million belong to Scouting world wide, making it the biggest organization ever. The first 17 American astronauts were Eagle Scouts (the American equivalent of South African Top Award/Springbok Scouts).

Past President Nelson Mandela is the patron of the South African Scout Association."

Graaff Reinet Scouts celebrated Scout Week 2000 in grand style. With acknowledgement to the "Greinetter" we publish the following:

Lion Patrol Leader Tim Beagley led the School Assembly on the Monday morning. He was ably assisted by Cheetah P/L Peter Meintjes. Their theme: Comparing the calling of the Apostles to the calling of Scouts; the 10 Commandments and the 10 Scout Laws.

That Monday evening the Scouts set about building a campsite in the main grass quad of the School. The sleeping accommodation was a tent on top of a tower. Work started at 19h00 and was completed by midnight.

Great excitement on Tuesday morning as the five hundred other scholars arrived at School to find their quad a Scout Camp with flags flying and a group of Scouts having breakfast around a fire.

All the Staff were invited to tea where uniformed Scouts served them with tea, coffee, cheese puffs and cakes made in the ovens on site. That evening the end of term Staff function was a three course meal cooked and served by the Scouts. Not only was there plenty to eat at the main meal, but a scrumptious hot pudding and custard was also served.

The walls around the quad were decorated with various Scouting posters. Several Grade 7 boys were invited to experience the thrill of sleeping in the tower with one or two of the P/L's - all in all a wonderful recruitment and information drive.

The three day display was brought down on the Wednesday evening and by Thursday morning, close of School, the quad was back to normal.



GRAAFF REINET

ALGOA GROUP PET SHOW

A beautiful sunny day, a lot of the most cute, adorable, funny, strange animals and what do you have: all the ingredients to a successful 2nd edition of the Algoa Pet Show.

A sparkling white marquee was put up by Beaver and his team and the scouts took it upon them to safeguard the marquee during the night (any excuse to have a sleepover at the Den !!)

We woke up to a crisp and cloudless day, and soon parents started arriving. Fires got started, tables and chars for the 'tea-garden' were carried outside, mouthwatering cakes passed under our noses and we were not allowed to test and taste them so early in the morning (I would agree there, with Beaver around, there wouldn't have been much left, he didn't have breakfast !)

A few stalls with interesting goodies where on display to browse and spend some of your money. The Budgetarian Society showed off their "rainbow-budgies" and the smell of lekker boerewors started filling the air.

The first competition was going to be judged at 11:00. The music started playing, Chil took up his position as M.C. and we were on the go.

The most interesting variety in sizes and sorts strutted their stuff in the marquee. The smallest pet almost disappeared in it's owner's tiny hands, the biggest pet was almost bigger than it's owner (can you imagine some difficulties there!). The 'most unusual pet' competition was indeed what it says: some pets almost appeared human. Grietjie, the goose, was definitely the most unusual pet, especially if she goes on the motorbike with her owner Minette (although they couldn't find a crash helmet in Grietjie's size). Kevin Wade with his Dalmatian were worthy winners of the "look alike" competition.

A very big thank you to all parents for all the hard work, long before and during the show, and supporters who entered their pets and had a load of fun. Thank you to Ernie and Leslie Pike, and Pat Minnaar for being such conscientious judges (it wasn't always easy!).

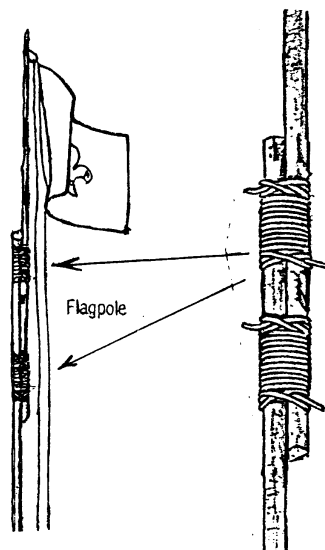


ROUND LASHING

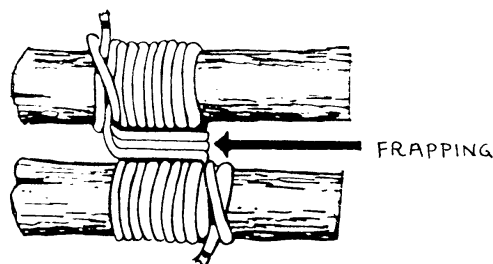
A round lashing is used to lash two spars together end to end to lengthen them (for example, in making a flagpole out of Scout staves), or if you wish to lash spars side by side.

If a rigid join is required - as in a flagpole - two round lashings a short distance apart are needed. Overlap the spars by at least one quarter of their length.

Commence with a Clove Hitch around both spars, twisting the running end and the standing part for a few centimetres. Make about eight or ten turns around both spars, making the turns as tight as possible. Finish off with a Clove Hitch around both spars.



SHEER LASHING



When a Load, is supported on two crossed spars, the weight coming down on the "V" between them, a sheer lashing is used to tie the spars together.

Sheer legs as they are called can be used as a device for lifting weights, for pitching a tent, for making a Monkey bridge or an aerial runway.

To make a sheer lashing lay the spars together with the ends level. At the tip, above and below the place where you are going to make the lashing, insert two wooden wedges to keep the spars slightly apart for ease of lashing.

Start with a Clove Hitch around one spar. Twist the running end and the standing part together for a few centimetres, then take six to eight turns around both spars above the Clove Hitch. Do not make the turns too tight otherwise you will have difficulty opening up the sheer legs. If you use force you will then break the lashing.

Make two frapping turns, firmly but not too tightly, between the spars. Finish with a Clove Hitch on the opposite spar to the one on which you started. Remove the wedges just before you start the frapping turns. Open out the sheer legs.

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